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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
LAURENT DUBEDOUT, ET AL. : EXAMINER: RIPLEY, J. R.  
SERIAL NO: 10/580,585 :  
FILED: DECEMBER 20, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3679  
FOR: METHOD OF ASSEMBLING TWO :  
HERMETIC THREADED TUBULAR  
JOINTS COMPRISING A LOCAL AND  
INITIAL ADDED THICKNESS, BY  
MEANS OF PLASTIC EXPANSION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2011, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.